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Welcome to this edition of the Irondale Historical Society's newsletter; where you will find snippets of history, "Mystery" photos, exciting finds and breaking news. We trust you will enjoy.

Editor's Comments

It has been quite a while since the last newsletter. Much has been going on. Each time I thought the newsletter was ready to print—more news needed to be shared. That is the reason for the extra pages. I value your thoughts and opinions.

Some pieces may seem to be outdated—such as the advert below. Rather than hold the newsletter up yet again, while I gathered something to fill the 'hole', it remains. Please note there is a new date in the advert. Mark your 2012 calendars accordingly. It's a must attend event! Tickets sold quickly.

You have any ideas for fundraisers (big or small), articles of the newsletter, etc? please contact me. I'm ready to listen. We can work together.

A Heartfelt Thank You

I want to thank the Hancock families again for thinking of us. When making arrangements and deciding where memorial donations should be directed — they thought of the Irondale Historical Society.

Their mother, Bea Hancock, was a long time supporter of the Irondale Church. Memorial donations totalled $ 600.

The Irondale Historical Society's Board of Directors has decided that all memorial donations will be set aside for special purchases. The Anglican Diocese graciously allowed Bea's funeral to be held at the church on March 2, 2011.

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2nd Annual

"Beast Feast"

Wild Game

Dinner Event

Cost: $20 per person

Where: Galway Hall, Galway Road, Kinmount

When: Saturday July 14, 2012
Doors open 5:00
Dinner 6:00

Why: fundraiser for the Irondale Historical Society

Bring your loonies (& more)
New ways to win fabulous prizes.

Email irondalehistory@gmail.com
to be notified when tickets go on sale.

Latest Church Update:

Designation –

Minden Hills Council passed the motion to designate the church at their Feb 24 meeting. A letter was sent to the Anglican Diocese giving them until April 15 to respond. A notice in the local newspaper gave the public the same 30 days to respond. There was one letter of concern from the public, township staff where able to answer the questions raised to the satisfaction of the letter writer. The Irondale Church received its heritage designation at the April 28, 2011 Council Meeting.

Res. #11-148 Cheryl Murdoch – Larry Clarke

Be it resolved that the following by-law be given first, second and third readings, passed and signed, and the Corporate Seal attached thereto: By-law 11-42 Carried

Purchase/Sale of the Church –

The Irondale Historical Society met all the Diocese's requirements and submitted an offer to purchase before the November 2010 deadline implemented by the Diocese. This offer was returned, the Diocese cited they where not able to accept the offer at that point; there were policies etc for them to follow.

Who Are These Handsome Boys?

Do find yourself or one of your siblings in this photo? Why are they all smiles? What is the trophy for? Please contact the editor with your answers.

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The Irondale Historical Society was led to believe that they would be apprised of the price of the church, after the March meeting. For reasons unclear, the Diocese has decided not to deal with the Society directly.

Please Be Assured —

The Irondale Historical Society is working diligently towards preserving this building and will continue to protect this property

Why all these smiling faces? Turn to page four and find out!

Grenville Schrader writes -"I was reading the article about the FAMILY HERALD written by Jennie Hagan, which was in the Society's Feb newsletter. I have enclosed a couple of pictures for you. The first one being circa 1910. It is the school that Emma L. Sedgwick taught at in 1905 before Emma married Wilfred Hancock in Irondale. The tall boy at the extreme left with a snowball in his hand is Leslie Hagan.

The Teacher is Mrs Abbott. The boy standing in front of the Teacher is my father Archie Schrader.

The second picture is of Leslie and Jennie Hagan after they had left the farm at Gelert and were living in Lindsay.

Ilean (Schrader) Money is my sister and the youngest sibling in our family. In 1941/42 we were living on the Lower Dutch Line south of Gelert and attending S.S.# 6 Snowdon School. Leslie and Jennie Orr were living on their farm on the Upper Dutch Line. Jennie was teaching at S.S.# 6 Snowdon and was our Teacher. Jennie (Orr) Hagan was originally from Harburn back of Haliburton.

Welcome to our members

Diane Austin
John Austin
Michele Bannock
Ron Barr
Mary Bisco
Yvette Brauer
Joyce Brown
Sue Buckingham
Jenn Burton
Marianne Cassin
Dorothy Clark
John Currie
Loweena Dean
Pat DeFrancesco
Barbara Gordon
Esther Graham
Mary Graham
Anne Marie Hancock
Arnold Hancock
Christine Hancock
Heather Hancock
Mark Hancock
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Ron Shepstone
Arlene Simmons
Carol Simmons
Daniella Simmons
Fredrick J. Simmons
George Simmons
Glenda Simmons
Greg Simmons
Murray Simmons
Pearl Simmons
Katie Sorochzn
Marg Swanton
Bruce Thompson
Sue Thompson
John Trzil
Sally Trzil
Dan Wilson
Jane Wilson
Bette Witham
Bill Witham

Want to see your name listed here next issue? Send in your $10 per person. Memberships good until August 2012. Join today

Victorian Tea

I was thrilled with the attendance on June 11, 2011. I owe a huge thank you to Joyce Brown for the loan of her Highland Trail Lodge. The ideal setting, the weather holding out for us and the 'girls in the kitchen' were a fantastic asset.

Sue Thompson,
Deb Mansfield
Brenna Thompson,
Brooke Mansfield,
Sue Eskelin and
Fred Simmons—all
took my vision and made
it real.

Event profit — $570

The photos you are enjoying here were taken by Dorothy Reid and Yvette Brauer. Thanks ladies for bringing the cameras.

See page 8 for details of next year's Victorian Tea.

Event organizer and chief cook, Fred Simmons, was very pleased with the results of the June 21 Wild Game Dinner Event. When asked for his comment, "I had a number I wanted to reach, an amount of money I wanted to make on this event." He continued with a big smile "We have surpassed it."

Above—The Thompson can dish it out!
Below—Quite a spread of dishes offered on this buffet line.

Photos taken by and compliments of Angelica Blenich, of The Minden Times.

Some were quick to jump into multi bids - while others pondered whether to make a second bid or not.

Auctioneer Doug Pearson was ruthless in his endeavour to gather more bids than the item before. Doug is certainly entertaining. He had some 'fresh bait' for his good natured ribbing with assistant 'Vanna' (Mike Toye) Mike had a few good cracks/comments to make as the evening wore on. The two of them providing humour gave the audience a lot of laughs and reasons to bid another loonie.

We appreciate the generosity of our donors. We encourage you to patronize their businesses, when you are looking to buy products and/or services. Mention that you saw them listed as one of our supporters.

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Toye Tree Removal, Minden — Mike Toye

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Ron Scheer, Irondale

and of course your dedicated Irondale Historical Society Board Members

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Every effort has been made to give you a complete list. If we have inadvertently left someone off —

Please accept our apologies.

Pioneering Firsts – Snowdon Township

Early Settlers – William Ritchie in North Snowdon in 1859, Michael Newell and Wm. McElwain in Little Ireland (Gelert) in 1859; also Albert Vangesen (1872)

Hotel – on Spring Hill on what is now the Dutch Line; shortly after 1858

Peter Barr – postmaster at Devil's Creek (Irondale)

Jeremiah Herlihey – first postmaster at Furnace Falls

Eleazar Yerex – one of first settlers in Lochlin; cut a trail through the woods from the Haliburton Road, 1872

John Ritchie – who Ritchies Falls is named for; 1872

(from R. H. Baker's "Brief History of Names in Haliburton County")

Save these dates – mark on your calendars now
You won't miss a thing!

July 30, 2011	Irondale Historical Society President visits the Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottager's General Meeting
Aug 20, 2011	Visit our booth at the Haliburton County Fair, Minden Fairgrounds
Sept 4, 2011	Annual General Meeting—all members & general public invited to attend. Refreshments.
Oct 8 , 2011	Open House ! ... see back page for more information
June 2, 2012	Victorian Tea ... see page 8 for more information
July 14, 2012	Wild Game Dinner Event, Galway Hall, doors open 5 pm – see advertisement on page one

F. Pearl, Joan, Ken, Marie Graham, Ken Smith, Joe, Bob, Gladys, Debbie, Faye Peacock, Jean Dexter, Dorothy Peacock , Mary Graham, Betty Graham

2nd Les Fountain, Stan Graham, Frank Blackwell, Garfield Helen, Dotty Graham, Art Graham, Chris & Mary Swanton, Doreen Chalmers, Lottie Burke, Wray Burke, Beulah Burke, Harvey, Art Burke

3rd Alfie James, Emma Graham, Ina Smith, Tom Poppelton, Agnes Graham, Norma Wilson, Audrey Stuffins, Marg Haney, Sandy Burke, Jean McMahon, Bill McMahon, Joe Graham, Y.C. Graham

Photo and names shared with you by Marg Graham (Minden Librarian)

Year at a Glance

October 2010—August 2011

- Inaugural meeting to establish with bylaws & constitution
- Incorporated under the Ontario Historical Society
- Successfully petitioned Township of Minden Hills to give Irondale Church property a Historical Designation
- Participated in Volunteer Fair at the Minden Community Centre
- Victorian Tea Fundraiser
- Wild Game Dinner Event
- Website launched www.IrondaleOntario.ca
- Haliburton County Fair display
- Brochure developed
- Newsletters published periodically
- Membership expanding

Lots to be proud of! Very successful first year!

Your Board of Directors for the coming year (Sept 2011 - Aug 2012)

Carol Simmons, President — George Simmons, Vice President

Susan Thompson, Secretary — Jane Wilson, Treasurer

Directors—Bill Procter, Robert Hancock, Marg Swanton, Mary Graham, Bruce Thompson, Fred Simmons

Victorian Tea

Saturday, June 2, 2012
$15 per person
Time and Location
(to be arranged)

Enjoy fancy sandwiches, fresh scones w/ Devonshire cream, preserves, fresh fruits, and dainty desserts — served on 3 tiered plates, china teacups, and cloth napkins. Entertainment provided.

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Invite friends—make tables of 2, 4, 6 or 8
Email irondalehistory@gmail.com
to be notified when tickets go on sale.

You are invited

to our

Open House

Saturday October 1 –3

Irondale Community Centre

Displays, slide shows, photos

Refreshments

Come see why we are excited!

Well it's that time again. We've run out of page. Hope you enjoyed this issue and it left you looking forward to another. Consider becoming a member. As one person has said "a mere $10" will give you a sense of satisfaction and belonging to a very worthwhile community effort. Look forward to chatting with you next issue. Send along your comments – good or bad.

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